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Federal courthouse guards set to strike in Denver over contract

By The Denver Post

Federal courthouse guards in Denver and three other cities are set to walk off the job at 11 a.m. Friday.

Jim Vassar, international president of the guards' union, the United Government Security Officers of America in Denver, said that in addition to the 30 to 35 guards in Denver, another estimated 100 courthouse guards will be leaving their posts in Cleveland, St. Louis and Philadelphia.

Although contract talks have bro-

ken down over arbitration and union-shop issues, not all union guards will go on strike, Vassar said. In other cities, they will stay on the job.

The courthouse guards in Denver operate the metal detectors, X-ray machines and screen everyone who enters the U.S. District Court, the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

The guards are employed by General Security Services Corp., which contracts with the government.

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